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Department of Social Services



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Subject: Draft Document, Comments Requested
Reception & Placement Program and Match Grant Program

To: ONS Resettlement Provider Directors

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The attached draft document will be used as a teaching aide when Penny Boyd talks to eligibility workers about policies related to a refugee's eligibility for TANF, Food Stamp Program, and Medicaid.

Eligibility workers frequently ask Penny about monies newly arrived refugees receive from the resettlement agencies. Penny explains that you receive Reception and Placement funding from the State Department and Match Grant funding from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement. Since ONS does not directly administer either of these two programs, I want to make sure that *how* Penny explains these two programs is correct.

Your review and comments on the attached document are requested. The sources of the information in the document are reference materials from the Department of State and the Office of Refugee Resettlement. If you think any of the information is either incorrect or misleading, please cite the reference document you are using.

If you use sources of funding for cash payments other than R&P and MG, please tell us what these are. This is important so that Penny correctly instructs the eligibility workers on how to count such payments when determining eligibility for TANF, food stamps, or Medicaid.

Send your comments directly to Penny either by: hand-write notations on the document and fax to Penny at 804-726-7127; or e-mail comments; or call her.

Many thanks.